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1. US MTN DEL (NEWKIRK) ACCOMPANIED BY USEC DELS (MURPHY AND L'CONNELL) MET WITH EC OFFICIALS SCHLOSSER AND DERISBOURG TO DISCUSS US VIEWS ON UPCOMING GROUP AGRICULTURE REVIEW OF STANDARDS CODE.

2. SCHLOSSER OPENED MEETING BY STATING THAT HE HAD NOT YET COORDINATED WITH DG 6 BUT THAT HE PLANS TO DO SO THIS MONTH. HE STATED THAT THE COMMISSION DOES NOT YET HAVE A POSITION FOR THIS MEETING, BUT THAT HE WAS WILLING TO OFFER HIS PERSONAL VIEWS.

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SCHLOSSER STATED THAT HE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE MEETING BUT THE SPOKESMAN WOULD BE FROM DG 6. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE EC POSITION OF TREATING INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE SEPARATELY.

3. US DEL DELIVERED SCENARION PER REFTEL AND SCHLOSSER OFFERED EXTENSIVE COMMENTS. HE REASSERTED THAT THE

DECISION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE CODE COVERS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WAS A POLITICAL DECISION AND SUGGESTED THAT THE ISSUE SHOULD NOT BE ADDRESSED IN THE COURSE OF THE AGRICULTURE MEETING. SCHLOSSER STATED THAT THE EXAMINATION SHOULD BE PURELY TECHNICAL AND ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE PROBLEMS CONCERNING STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WERE ADEQUATELY DEALT WITH IN THE CURRENT DRAFT STANDARDS CODE. HE AGREED THAT THE REVIEW SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THE SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA AND NOT INCLUDE GENERAL ISSUES SUCH AS DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. SCHLOSSER STATED THAT WHILE HE DID NOT FAVOR THE CREATION OF A STANDARDS SUBGROUP OF GROUP AGRICULTURE, HE THOUGH SOME SORT OF "EXPERT GROUP" MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO MONITOR THE CONTINUING WORK OF THE NTM STANDARDS SUBGROUP. WE RESPONDED THAT THERE WAS ALREADY AN AGREED PROCEDURE FOR INFORMATION FLOW BETWEEN GROUP AGRICULTURE AND THE SUBGROUP. SCHLOSSER WAS AWARE OF THIS EXCHANGE OF DOCUMENTS BUT WAS CONCERNED THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME WAY TO COMMUNICATE TO GROUP AGRICULTURE CHANGES TO THE CODE MADE BY THE STANDARDS SUBGROUP. IN REGARD TO THE CONDUCT OF THE MEETING, SCHLOSSER THOUGHT THAT PATTERSON SHOULD MAKE AN OPENING STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND OF THE STANDARDS CODE AND THE TASK OF THE AGRICULTURE GROUP. SCHLOSSER AGREED THAT WE SHOULD AVOID A PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH REVIEW, BUT STATED THAT THE DISCUSSION IN THE MEETING HAD TO BE ORGANIZED IN SOME MANNER. HE SUGGESTS A CHAPTER BY CHAPTER REVIEW. WE STATED THAT THE DISCUSSION SHOULD BE ORGANIZED ON A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROBLEM BY PROBLEM BASIS AS THEY ARE RAISED, BUT SCHLOSSER THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD GET OUT OF HAND BECAUSE EACH PROBLEM WOULD HAVE TO BE RELATED TO PARTICULAR PROVISIONS OF THE DRAFT CODE. WE EMPHASIZED THAT THE PROBLEM WE ENVISAGED WITH THIS APPROACH IS THAT GROUP AGRICULTURE WOULD FEEL OBLIGED TO UNDERTAKE DRAFTING SUGGESTED MODIFICATIONS OF THE CODE. SCHLOSSER AGREED THAT THIS IS A PROBLEM.. BUT HE PERSONALLY DID NOT SEE HOW WE COULD PREVENT DELS FROM SUBMITTING DRAFTING SUGGESTIONS IF THEY CHOSE TO DO SO. WE STATED THAT OUR OBJECTIVE WAS TO HAVE THE GATT SECRETARIAT RECORD THE POINTS RAISED IN DISCUSSION AND, ALONG WITH ANY PAPERS THAT COUNTRIES SUBMITTED, TRANSMIT THIS INFORMATION TO THE STANDARDS SUBGROUP. SCHLOSSER CONCURRED, BUT REITERATED THAT SOME DRAFTING SUGGESTIONS WOULD SURELY BE MADE BY THE GROUP AGRICULTURE PARTICIPANTS. HE THOUGHT THAT STATEMENTS OPPOSING DRAFTING SUGGESTIONS WOULD ONLY ENCOURAGE CERTAIN DELEGATIONS TO INSIST THAT DRAFTING CHANGES BE MADE. IN RESPONSE TO THE US COMMENT THAT WE HOPED THE REVIEW WOULD BE

LIMITED TO THIS ONE MEETING, SCHLOSSER RESPONDED THAT WHILE HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT THIS WAS A GOOD IDEA, HE DID NOT THINK IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO COVER ALL THE POSSIBLE PROBLEMS IN A ONE WEEK MEETING. FURTHER, SCHLOSSER POINTED OUT THAT THE CODE WAS EVOLVING AND THAT AS NEW SECTIONS WERE ADDED OR OLD SECTIONS REVISED, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO EXAMINE THE CODE AGAIN FROM THE AGRICULTURAL POINT OF VIEW. HE THOUGHT THAT ANY SUGGESTION FOR LIMITING THE DISCUSSION TO ONE WEEK WOULD PROBABLY RESULT IN AN ADVERSE REACTION, AND POSSIBLY A PYOPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF A SUBGROUP. SCHLOSSER AGREED WITH US THAT WE SHOULD TRY TO ENCOURAGE THE TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP TO ACCEPT GROUP AGRICULTURE'S REVIEW, BUT HE WAS NOT HOPEFUL THAT THIS WAS POSSIBLE. WE AGREED TO AGAIN CONSULT AFTER THE EC POSITION BECOMES CLEARER.

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4. COMMENT: SCHLOSSER WAS UNUSUALLY TALKATIVE AND FORTHCOMING IN THIS MEETING. HE APPEARED TO WANT TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL MEETING. AT SEVERAL POINTS HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMALLY IN CONTACT WITH SOME OF THE DG 6 NEGOTIATORS, AND THAT HIS PERSONAL VIEW WAS THAT THE MEETING WOULD NOT FAIL BECAUSE OF THE EC'S POSITION. HE WAS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, ABOUT THE POSITION OF OTHER DELS, PARTICULARLY CERTAIN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. END COMMENT. CULBERT

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